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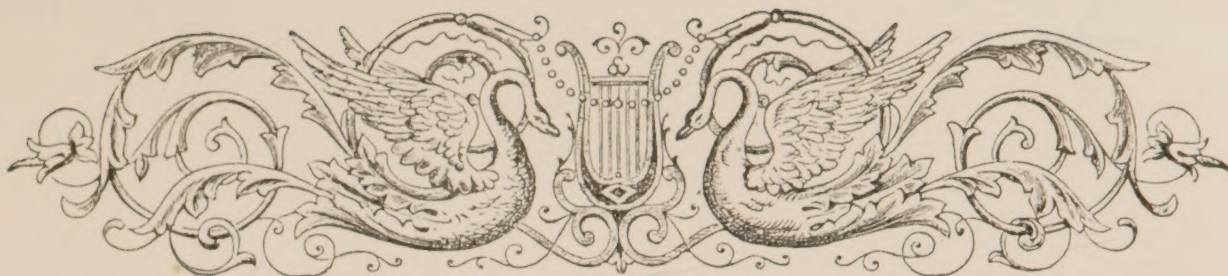
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Fol. 56. An old woman offers to buy him.

Fol. 66. He chooses to be herdsman to Zulaikhā's flocks.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 72. He appears before Zulaikhā.

Fol. 93. Serving at a feast his beauty so enthralls the ladies that they cut their fingers instead of their pomegranates.

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Fol. 47. Khusrau sees Shīrīn after bathing.

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Fol. 131. Lailā and Majnūn at school.

Fol. 136. Majnūn at the door of the *Ka'aba* at Mecca.

Fol. 143. Noufal fighting Lailā's tribesmen.

Fol. 169. Lailā and Majnūn swoon at meeting after long separation.

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Fol. 264. Sikandar fighting Ethiopians.

Fol. 281. Sikandar's grief at the death of Dārā.

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Fol. 51. Khusrau's first sight of Shīrīn.
Fol. 84. Farhad meets Shīrīn on her black horse Shābdīz.

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- Fol. 145. Majnūn at the door of the *Ka'aba* at Mecca.
Fol. 156. Majnūn's cause upheld by Noufal fighting Lailā's tribesmen.
Fol. 214. Bahrām Gūr with the Indian Princess in the black palace.
Fols. 219 to 243. Bahrām Gūr with other Princesses in six variously coloured palaces.
Fol. 288. Sikandar's grief at the murder of Dārā.
Fol. 305. The nuptials of Sikandar with the daughter of Dārā.
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Fol. 36. Scene in a *Hamam*.

Fol. 39. Shapūr shows Shīrīn a portrait of Khusrau.

Fol. 43. Khusrau catches his first sight of Shīrīn after bathing.

Fol. 48. Khusrau and Shīrīn passing on horseback.

Fol. 50. The two love making.

Fol. 63. Farhad cutting a channel in the rocks while two men amuse themselves.

Fol. 67. Farhad carries Shīrīn and her horse to see his sculptures.

Fol. 80. Khusrau and Shīrīn united.

Fol. 111. Lailā and Majnūn seated in conversation.

Fol. 125. Lailā meets Majnūn standing in the desert.

Fol. 138. Lailā and Majnūn swoon after meeting.

Fol. 157. Bahrām Gūr goes hunting.

Fol. 162. Bahrām Gūr saves his crown by killing a lion and lioness.

Fols. 176 to 195. Bahrām Gūr with various Princesses in six different palaces.

Fol. 223. Sikandar and a captured Ethiopian.

Fol. 233. Sikandar's army and Russians fighting.

Fol. 242. Sikandar in a love scene.

Fol. 247. Queen Nūshābah shows Sikandar the portrait by which she recognised him.

Fol. 263. Sikandar receiving the daughter of Dārā.

Fol. 271. Sikandar slicing off the head of a horsed warrior.

Fol. 283. Sikandar in the Land of Darkness.

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 Fol. 77. Farhad, meeting Shīrīn on horseback, kneels before her.
 Fol. 107. The assassination of Khusrau by his brother Shirūya.
 Fol. 124. Syd Omri takes Majnūn to Mecca hoping to cure his madness.
 Fol. 142. Majnūn in the desert feeding gazelles.
 Fol. 163. A Prince and Princess in a garden and a *Mulla* declaiming.
 Fols. 191 to 215. Bahrām Gūr with the seven Princesses in different palaces.
 Fol. 245. Sikandar cleaving the head of an Ethiopian warrior.
 Fol. 259. Sikandar's grief at the murder of Dārā by his treacherous ministers.
 Fol. 266. Sikandar in Council.
 Fol. 273. Though disguised as a Legate Queen Nūshābah recognises Sikandar by his portrait.
 Fol. 280. Sikandar feasting on a garden terrace.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

- Fol. 287. Sikandar hunting deer.
 Fol. 292. Sikandar and the Khaqan of Chin.
 Fol. 307. Four horsed warriors charging.
 Fol. 313. Two kneeling sages.
 Fol. 331. Plato charming animals by his music.
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 Fol. 18. An old woman complaining of injustice to Sultān Sanjar.
 Fol. 45. Shīrīn being entertained by her maids.
 Fol. 48. Khusrau sees Shīrīn for the first time.
 Fol. 57. Khusrau kills a lion while Princes look on.
 Fol. 63. Khusrau fighting Bahrām Chūbin.
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 Fol. 81. Farhad inviting Shīrīn to see his sculptures.
 Fol. 93. Khusrau arriving at Shīrīn's palace.
 Fol. 110. Khusrau and Shīrīn united.
 Fol. 115. The finding of the dead bodies of Khusrau and Shīrīn.
 Fol. 136. Lailā and Majnūn at school.
 Fol. 141. Majnūn taken to Mecca in hope of a cure.
 Fol. 150. Noufal's Arabs fight Lailā's tribesmen.
 Fol. 162. Majnūn in the desert feeding gazelles.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

- Fol. 181. After long separation Lailā and Majnūn meet and swoon.
 Fol. 207. Bahrām Gūr tempting two lions by holding out his crown to them before killing them.
 Fol. 212. Bahrām Gūr sees his former mistress Fitna carrying a cow up the steps.
 Fols. 218 to 249. Bahrām Gūr with various Princesses in seven different palaces.
 Fol. 282. Sikandar fighting the Ethiopians.
 Fol. 297. Three armour clad warriors attacking another.
 Fol. 315. Sikandar marries the daughter of Dārā.
 Fol. 337. Sikandar finding a dead deer in a glade.
 Fol. 343. Sikandar fighting the Russians.
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Fol. 28. Scene in a *Hamam*.

Fol. 44. Khusrau sees Shīrīn for the first time.

Fol. 71. Farhad presenting a gift to Shīrīn on horseback.

Fol. 80. Khusrau and others out hunting.

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Fol. 91. A group of bibulous Princes in a garden.

Fol. 121. Lailā and Majnūn at school.

Fol. 143. Majnūn in the desert caressing a wild ass.

Fol. 161. Lailā and Majnūn swoon at meeting and an old man trying to restore her.

Fol. 193 to 220. Bahrām Gūr and the Princesses in seven different palaces.

Fol. 265. Sikandar fighting Ethiopians.

Fol. 284. Dārā's murderers Jamūsipār and Mahiyār hanged before Sikandar.

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 Fol. 41. Khusrau on his throne addressing two men.
 Fol. 50. Khusrau sees Shīrīn for the first time.
 Fol. 59. Khusrau defending a woman from a lion.
 Fol. 79. Farhad offering a present to Shīrīn.
 Fol. 99. Khusrau listening to the music of Barbad.
 Fol. 104. Khusrau reconciled to Shīrīn.
 Fol. 113. Shīrīn kills herself on the prostrate body of Khusrau murdered.
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 Fol. 147. Noufal and his Arab tribesmen fighting for Majnūn's cause.
 Fol. 160. Lailā and Majnūn swoon and an old man sprinkles her.
 Fol. 181. Bahrām Gūr hunting.
 Fol. 190. Bahrām Gūr sees Fitna carrying the cow.
 Fols. 202 to 223. Bahrām Gūr with his Princesses in three different palaces.
 Fol. 245. Sikandar viewing the bodies of a murdered woman and her babe.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

- Fol. 267. Sikandar's grief at the murder of Dārā.
 Fol. 282. Sikandar recognised by Queen Nūshābah through a portrait.
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Fol. 16. The old woman and Sultān Sanjar.

Fol. 25. Two Princes feasting.

Fol. 57. Two horsed warriors in combat.

Fol. 73. Farhad carries Shīrīn and her horse over rough ground.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 82. Khusrau arriving at Shīrīn's palace.

Fol. 121. Lailā and Majnūn at school.

Fol. 148. A holy Seer brings a gem to Majnūn from Lailā.

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Fol. 11. Kaiūmers in his mountain home being offered a dish of fruit by his son Saiāmuk; they are clad in leopard skins.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 22. The youthful Ferīdūn driving Zōhak in chains to his cavern prison.

Fol. 29. Tūr kills his brother Irij by cutting off his head over a bowl.

Fol. 50. The killing of one of the mythological monsters of the period.

Fol. 60. Ferīdūn's grief on seeing the head of his murdered son Irij.

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Fol. 78. Zāl, the white headed son of Sām in the Simurgh's nest.

Fol. 96. The birth of Rustam.

Fol. 111. Rustam seizes Afrāsiyāb by the girdle, but it breaks and he escapes.

Fol. 120. Rustam kills the *Dīv-i-Safid* in a cave.

Fol. 130. Kai Kāūs tempted by Iblis attempts to fly to heaven.

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Fol. 147. Rustam's grief at unwittingly having killed his son Sohrāb.

Fol. 175. Siāwush murdered by Karu Zirah after the manner of the killing of Irij.

Fol. 213. Tūs cuts off the head of Sarkha son of Afrāsiyāb in revenge for the murder of Siāwush.

Fol. 230. Rustam on foot shoots Uskabūs on horseback with an arrow.

Fol. 241. Rustam pulls the Khaqan of Chin from his elephant.

Fol. 251. The *Akwan Dīv* lifts Rustam and his bed of earth to throw him into the sea.

Fol. 269. Rustam rescues Byzūn from the bottle-neck dungeon.

Fol. 300. Rustam about to kill Barzū is warned by his mother Shah-rū.

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Fol. 311. Hūmān slain by Byzūn.

Fol. 324. Piran killed by Gūdarz.

Fol. 343. Kai Khusrau wrestling with Shydah dashes him to earth.

Fol. 363. Afrāsiyāb and Gersīwaz put to death by Kai Khusrau.

Fol. 394. Gushtāsp throws Aliās from his horse.

Fol. 412. Kharām kills Lohrāsp and a number of fire worshippers.

Fol. 431. Rustam shoots the charmed arrow into the eyes of Isfandiyār.

Fol. 456. Bahmān the youthful son of Isfandiyār captured after the fight.

Fol. 502. Ferāmurz is hanged by Bahmān.

Fol. 536. Bahrām Gūr wrestling with Shangil champion of the King of India.

Fol. 572. Bahrām Chūbīnah cuts off the head of King Sāwah.

Fol. 586. Death of Bahrām Chūbīnah.

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Fol. 27. Rustam seizing Afrāsiyāb by the girdle and lifting him from his saddle.

Fol. 34. Rustam killing the *Dīv-i-Safid* in a cave.

Fol. 42. Kai Kāūs tries to fly to heaven.

Fol. 92. Siāwush has his head cut off over a bowl.

Fol. 120. Gūdarz and Piran in combat with bodies strewn on the field.

Fol. 129. Battle scene between Barzū grandson of Rustam, and Afrāsiyāb.

Fol. 149. Kai Khusrau and his chiefs crossing the sea of Zirih.

Fol. 167-8. Double page scene of Kai Khusrau and his court.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 295. Battle scene, Sikandar cleaves the head of Faūr, both on horses.

Fol. 314. Ardeshr Bābakān cedes the throne to his son Shāpūr.

Fol. 334. Bahrām meets Sapinūd daughter of Shangil, with her ladies.

Fol. 344. Sām goes to Mount Alberz where the *Simurgh* restores his son Zāl.

Fol. 365. Queen Humaī surrounded by her ladies, camels waiting.

Fol. 443. Women wailing as a man is about to lose his head. On the obverse of Fol. 1 is the seal of the Indian Emperor 'Alamgīr (Aurangzīb), who reigned 1658-1707 A.D., this is dated 1075 A.H.=1667 A.D.; also the seal of Shah 'Alam 1759-1806 A.D.; and below the seals of the Court Librarians.

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- 17 FIRDĀUSĪ: *Shāh-nāmāh*. A Persian MS. written in Indian *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 611 leaves with illuminated double pages to each of the nine books into which the work is divided; the captions in white on gold panels with coloured flowers, and the columns divided by bars of pink splashed. There are thirty-six miniatures, of which some may be thought to be incorrectly identified, as the subjects do not conform in sequence to the text, as for instance :—

Rustam's death, figured on Fol. 191, is followed much later by some of his exploits, even down to Fol. 433. The task of identification has thus been rendered very difficult and the following suggestions are given with full recognition of possible error :—

- Fol. 4. Hūsheng killing demons.
- Fol. 32. Tahūmers braining the demon Ghū.
- Fol. 39. Jamshīd ordering a demon to build for him a palace.
- Fol. 45. Ferīdūn watching that Zōhak is securely immured in a cave prison.
- Fol. 92. Ferīdūn breaking down the door of the castle the *Bait-el-Mukaddus* where his sisters were confined.
- Fol. 105. Sām killing a dragon.
- Fol. 113. The youthful Rustam killing the mad elephant of Minū'chihr at Sistān.
- Fol. 128. The *Simurgh* carries the white headed Zāl to its nest.
- Fol. 135. Rustam kills the *Dīv-i-Safid* in a cave.
- Fol. 149. Rustam honoured by Kai Kāūs.
- Fol. 168. Siāwush proving his innocence of the accusations of Sūdaveh in the ordeal of fire.
- Fol. 172. Siāwush interceding on behalf of Sūdaveh with her husband Kai Kāūs.
- Fol. 192. The murder of Siāwush by Gersīwaz.
- Fol. 199. Rustam's death by falling into the pit prepared by Shughād whom he shoots through a tree.
- Fol. 216. A funeral scene unidentified.
- Fol. 274. Rustam rescuing Byzūn from the bottle-neck dungeon.
- Fol. 279. Barzū as a youth pulling off the tail of a horse bearing a warrior.
- Fol. 286. Kai Khusrau springing upon Shydah.
- Fol. 299. Afrāsiyāb flung out of his cavern by Hūm.
- Fol. 304. One of the enemy being dismembered; unidentified.

Lot 17—*continued*.

Fol. 327. Kai Khusrau and his chiefs crossing the Sea of Zirih.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 349. Kitabūn daughter of the King of Rūm shown a portrait of Gushtāsp.

Fol. 355. Isfandiyār and a troop of horsemen being led into the enchanted land.

Fol. 370. Afrāsiyāb recognises Siāwush as a youth playing polo.

Fol. 393. Isfandiyār fighting two lions.

Fol. 400. Unidentified.

Fol. 413. Byzūn and Girgin destroying the wild hogs of Armān.

Fol. 426. Isfandiyār fighting animal headed demons (described in the text as wolves).

Fol. 429. Isfandiyār attacks a dragon from a curiously constructed carriage.

Fol. 432. Rustam in preparation for his "Seven Labours" cooks a meal of wild ass flesh.

Fol. 440. Rustam's grief at the bier of his son Sohrāb.

Fol. 459. Isfandiyār with his lasso pulling Gurgsār from his horse.

Fol. 479. A royal couple entertained with music.

Fol. 519. A meeting of warriors.

Fol. 535. Barman puts Farāmarz to death.

Fol. 567. Bahrām Gūr killing a lion.

The colophon at the end of Book VI. states that it was finished in 979 A.H.=1571 A.D. *Gold stamped leather binding, the flap and doublures being cut and coloured; folio*

- 18 FIRDAUSĪ: *Shāh-nāmah*. A Persian MS. written in *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 542 leaves, the first two pages fully illuminated, followed by twenty pages of Introduction. The work commences on Fol. 11 with a *Sarlouh* and another follows, the captions are in blue on coloured floral panels, and there are fourteen miniatures, as follows :—
- Fol. 14. Kaiūmers commissions his son Saiāmuk to overthrow the demons.
- Fol. 57. The birth of Rustam.
- Fol. 86. Rustam kills the *Dīv-i-Safid* in a cave.
- Fol. 110. Rustam's grief at unwittingly having killed his son Sohrāb.
- Fol. 170. Tūs cuts off the head of Sarkhā son of Afrāsiyāb, avenging Siāwush's murder.
- Fol. 192. Rustam lassoes Kāmūs of Kushān, dragging him from his horse.
- Fol. 209. Rustam wrestling with Pūlawand dashes him to earth.
- Fol. 229. Rustam drawing Byzūn from the bottle-neck dungeon. [See ILLUSTRATION.]
- Fol. 274. Rustam in the fortress of the sorceress Sūsen.
- Fol. 322. Rustam provides himself with a feast.
- Fol. 339. Rustam shoots the charmed arrow into Isfandiyār's eyes.
- Fol. 356. Sikandar lamenting over the body of Dārā.
- Fol. 341. Battle scene between Gīv and Talkhand who falls dead on his elephant.
- Fol. 490. Unidentified.
- The colophon has been partly erased. *Gold stamped leather binding with cut and coloured doublures ; folio*
- 19 FIRDAUSĪ: *Shāh-nāmah*. A Persian MS. written in *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 443 leaves, the first two pages fully illuminated, the captions rubricated, and with seventy-two half-page miniatures in the text, of which the following are the most interesting :—
- Fol. 15. Irij felled by Tūr with a stool, and Sīlim with a knife to cut off his head.
- Fol. 20. Minū'chihr attacking Tūr on his horse.
- Fol. 35. Rustam killing the mad elephant of Minū'chihr.
- Fol. 75. Siāwush proving his innocence by fire.
- Fol. 83. Afrāsiyāb sees Siāwush playing polo.
- Fol. 85. Presents arriving for the marriage of Siāwush and Gūlshaher.
- Fol. 98. Rustam spearing Afrāsiyāb's horse.
- Fol. 134. Rustam unhorses Chingūsh.
- Fol. 153. Afrāsiyāb orders Byzūn to the dungeon.
- Fol. 160. Rustam removes the great stone from Byzūn's dungeon.
- Fol. 176. Gushtāsp unhorses Aliās.
- Fol. 265. The death of Rustam.
- Fol. 287. Sikandar consulting the speaking tree as to his length of life.
- Lacquer binding ; folio*

20 FIRDAUSĪ: *Shāh-nāmah*. A Persian MS. written in *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 627 leaves which have been re-inset in new margins, the first page fully illuminated, followed by fifteen pages of Introduction, the work commencing on Fol. 9 with an illuminated *Sarlouh*, and this and the opposing page extra decorated in gold and colours. The fifteen miniatures are of unusual type and have been added since the text was written, the identification here suggested being uncertain:—

Fol. 39. An assemblage of people in a palace working at various occupations.

Fol. 73. The inauguration of the Festival of Shiddah by lighting the sacred fire.

Fol. 105. Jamshīd having a palace built.

Fol. 129. Jamshīd dispossessed brought before Zafar Shah Zabuli daughter of the King of Zabulistān.

Fol. 161. The cow-herds who provided the milk for the sustenance of Ferīdūn.

Fol. 201. "The Radiant Personage" who taught Ferīdūn the mysteries of magic.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 232. Dancing darwishes.

Fol. 271. Zāl being entertained by Rūdābeh.

Fol. 309. People watching the flight of a dragon.

Fol. 349. An Ethiopian Prince on an elephant entering the courtyard of a palace.

Fol. 390. A Prince on a camel following musicians.

Fol. 456. Bahrām Gūr saves his crown by killing two lions.

Fol. 511. A battle scene between two horsed warriors.

Fol. 556. Ardehīr cedes his crown to his son Shapūr.

Fol. 588. A Prince on horseback following musicians.

Dated 754 A.H.=1353 A.D., but this is probably the date of the book from which it was copied, as this appears to be of the 17th cent. *Gold stamped Sookhteh binding; folio*

- 21 *Yūsuf u Zulaikhā* : An Indian Version contained in an album with two pages of the poem alternating with two pages of miniatures of Indo-Persian type, each page with illuminated borders and gilt floral *hashiya*, there being altogether thirteen pages of text and ten miniatures and one page of a flower
Lacquer binding, Gul u Bulbul design ; folio

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

22 SA'DI: *Būstān*. AN EXTREMELY FINE PERSIAN MS. written in *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 136 leaves, with variously coloured *hashiya* bearing gilt floral or animated designs, illuminated *Sarlouh* and FOUR VERY FINE FULL PAGE MINIATURES as follows :—

Fol. 20. A camping ground, men preparing food, horses grazing, and a Prince on horseback approaching.

[See SECOND FRONTISPIECE.]

Fol. 60. Three *Mulvi* seated in an alcove in conversation, with attendants.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 125. Two men disputing with a third kneeling before a King, and an attendant entering the chamber with lighted torches.

Fol. 131. A youth on a black horse bringing faggots to a garden where a man lies prone.

The colophon states that this work was copied by 'Alī Tabrīzī as a present for Amīr Taimur (Tamerlane 1336-1405), in 779 A.H.=1377 A.D. *Gold stamped and inlaid binding* ; 8vo

- 23 JĀMĪ: *Salāmān u Absāl*. A Persian MS. written in *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 52 leaves with variously coloured *hashiyas* having gilt floral or animated designs, one illuminated *Sarlouh* and four full page miniatures, as follows :—

Fol. 3. Polo. Salāmān “with a troop of Princes . . . young in years and courage, Bat in hand, gallop'd a-field, toss'd down the golden ball.”

Fol. 16. The Shāh of Yūnan and the Sage reason with Salāmān, to which he replies: “The choice is not within oneself—To Do, Not in the Will, but in the Power, to Do.”

Fol. 32. “What sweeter than your mistress at your side
In such a solitude with none to chide.”

Fol. 40. “Ah the poor Lover! In the changing hands
Of Day and Night, no wretcheder than he.”

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

No scribe or date, but 16th cent. *Gold stamped binding with sunk panels, and cut and coloured doublures*; 8vo

- 24 SULTĀN HUSAIN MIRZA : *Majālisu'l-'Ushshaq* "Lovers' Meetings," but really Lives of Mystics and Celebrated Lovers. A Persian MS. written in bold *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 205 leaves of gold sprinkled paper, with eight full page miniatures as follows :—

Fol. 26. A man killing a black bull before a group of horsemen.

Fol. 48. A Prince entertained by a dancer and musicians.

Fol. 68. A King being instructed by a Mulla.

Fol. 88. A man catching a wild hog, and beggars running away.

Fol. 116. Farhad meeting Shīrīn in the mountains.

Fol. 136. Sikandar dragging along a *Dīv* at his horse's tail.

Fol. 162. Darwishes dancing outside a building.

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

Fol. 187. Sikandar returning from the East.

Without scribe or date, but 17th cent. Imperfect. *Lacquer binding* ; 8vo

- 25 HUSAIN WĀ'IZ-I-KĀSHIFĪ : *Akhlāq-i-Muhsinī*. A Treatise on Ethics, compiled for the son of Abu'l-Ghāzī Sultān Husain Bayqarā in 900 A.H. A Persian MS. written in *Nasta'liq* within gold and coloured rules on 174 leaves of thick paper with detached gold arabesques on the margins, an illuminated *Sarlouh* and two full page miniatures at the beginning of the book. Scribe *Khalīl ibn Tahīr ibn Khatīl* and dated 937 A.H. =1530 A.D., this being a fairly early copy. *Gold stamped leather binding with plain doublures* ; 8vo

[See ILLUSTRATION.]

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